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1. The Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores de la Prensa (SNTP) is a Caracas labor union made up of employees of the newspaper industry and is reportedly Communist-dominated. The Communists have never had a majority among the syndicate members, but control of the union is actually in the hands of the Communist minority. At present, between 35% and 40% are Communists or Communist sympathizers.
2. The SNTP has supported propaganda drives sponsored by the Communist Party of Venezuela (PCV), and in both 1950 and 1951 the syndicate was represented in the Communist-dominated May Day parades. At the time of the labor negotiations in the petroleum industry in February, March, and April 1950, the SNTP appeared as a signer of a declaration of support to the petroleum unions, which was published in Tribuna Popular, PCV newspaper, on 23 March 1950.
3. On 17 July 1951 an election of officers was held, and the following were elected:

Secretary-General

Claudio Cedeno, Communist

Organization Secretary

Simon Alberto Consalvi, Communist
sympathizer

Cultural Secretary

Eduvigis Tenorio Alvarez

Work and Claim Secretary

Pedro Rafael Gilly, Communist

Financial Secretary

Jose Natalio Noguera, self-admitted
former PCV member

Relations Secretary

Jesus Sarda

Alternates

Jose Rafael Castrillo
Bernardo Chataing, Accion Democratica (AD)
sympathizer
Raul Esteves

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